AN INVITATION

50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY 1957-2007

The New Zealand Antarctic Society, in association with Christchurch International Airport Limited as principal sponsor, Antarctica New Zealand, the Christchurch City Council, the International Antarctic Centre and the Air Force Museum, will celebrate 50 years of New Zealand’s involvement in Antarctica during a commemorative weekend of events in September 2007.

A 50 years celebration will be held as an international, national and community event occurring over three days: Friday 28 September – Sunday 30 September 2007 in conjunction with the 2007 Antarctic Festival organised by the Christchurch City Council and Antarctic Link Canterbury.

Representatives from Antarctic Treaty countries, Antarctic organisations, and companies, former and current New Zealand staff working in Antarctic programmes and individuals associated with Antarctica now and in past years are invited to join us in celebrating New Zealand’s successes on ‘the Ice’ in true southern style at Christchurch.

This invitation is also extended to spouses and partners.

The weekend’s events will provide both social and formal opportunities for members of the Antarctic community to join official and VIP guests, fellow former Antarcticans, national and community leaders to commemorate this significant milestone in the history of Antarctica.

We expect strong interest in the anniversary and urge you to register your interest for this important event at your earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment.

Norm McPherson, QSM, J.P.      David Harrowfield
President                     Chairman
NZ Antarctic Society          Organising Committee

COMMEMORATIVE WEEKEND

THE PROGRAMME

The 50th anniversary event will be the climax of the ‘Antarctic Festival Week’ in Christchurch in September 2007.

• Friday 28 September 2007
  - Registration at The Antarctic Attraction, International Antarctic Centre, 38 Orchard Road, Harewood from 3pm.
  - Registrants’ complimentary admission to The Antarctic Attraction, 5pm until end of reception. Antarctic Attraction shop and cafe will be open.
  - Informal reception at the Antarctic Attraction, International Christchurch Antarctic Centre, 38 Orchard Road, 7pm. Welcome by NZ Antarctic Society, Christchurch International Airport, Christchurch City Council and Antarctica New Zealand at 8pm. (Dress: smart casual). (Refreshments provided). Displays of iconic Antarctic items and historic photographs.

• Saturday 29 September
  - Commemorative Plaque unveiling, Avon riverside.
  - Antarctic Exhibitions, Canterbury Museum, and Our City O-Tautahi.
  - Presentations by Antarctica New Zealand scholars, Christchurch Art Gallery.
  - Historic Antarctic films, Christchurch Art Gallery.
  - Themed ride on Christchurch Tram.
  - Antarctic aircraft display, Air Force Museum, Wigram.
  - Registrant entry to The Antarctic Attraction @ 50% discount Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th.

• Evening:
  - Anniversary Dinner at Air Force Museum, 45 Harvard Avenue, Main South Road, Wigram. Guest Speaker. Defence Force dance band.
  - Dress: Semi-formal (Men: Jacket and tie).
  - Pre-dinner drinks from 6.30pm. Dinner commences 7.30pm.

• Sunday 30 September
  - Commemorative Church Service at ChristChurch Cathedral.
BOOK RELEASE

CALL OF THE ICE
Fifty years of New Zealand in Antarctica

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE WEEKEND ACCOMMODATION RATES

The Organising Committee has negotiated very reasonable rates for accommodation for visitors attending the 50th anniversary. Please contact Reservations for the following Christchurch hotels: Call Free 0800 696 963 www.scenic-circle.co.nz

Reference: ‘ANTSOC’

☐ Scenic Circle Cotswold Hotel
88-96 Papanui Road, Merivale
Studio Room $110, 1 BDR Suite $120, 2 BDR Suite $130, Corporate Wing $140

☐ Scenic Circle Fino Casementi
All-Suite Hotel
$7-89 Kilmore Street, Central City
1 BDR $157
2 BDR $182

☐ Scenic Circle Russley Hotel
73 Roydvale Ave, Burnside
Standard Room $98
Superior Room $108

REGISTER NOW!
KEEN DEMAND IS EXPECTED AND NUMBERS WILL BE LIMITED
PRIZE DRAW FOR REGISTRATIONS PRIOR TO 30 JUNE 2007

Fax: 03 365 4255 OR Mail to “50th Anniversary”, P.O. Box 404, Christchurch, New Zealand, OR leave contact details on Freephone (0800) 80 88 98, OR Register on: www.mgevents.co.nz

I/WE wish to attend the Anniversary event:

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name(s): (1) ____________________________ (2) ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
Telephone: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________

Number attending: ____________________________

@ NZ$150.00 GST per included person = $ ____________________________

I wish to purchase the Anniversary Medallion (brass in collector’s case) for collection at the Anniversary.

Bronze Medallion(s): @ $80.00 each (including GST) NZ$ __________
Silver Medallion(s): @ $100.00 each (including GST) NZ$ __________
TOTAL PAYABLE NZ$ ______

☐ Cheque enclosed
(Please make your cheque out to: New Zealand Antarctic Society)
☐ I hereby authorise you to debit my
AMEX/VISA/DINERS/BANKCARD
No. ____________________________
Expiry Date. ____________________________
Signature. ____________________________

☐ Credit Card registrations can be made on www.mgevents.co.nz

☐ Direct credit to NZ Antarctic Society bank account number
(please code as: “50th Event”)
020800 0685 108 03

For catering purposes only please advise:

I/WE will be attending the Friday Opening / Informal Function
YES/NO
I/WE will be attending the Anniversary Dinner
YES/NO

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Registration payments will be subject to a full refund if cancellation of attendance is notified prior to 30 July 2007. Beyond that date the Organising Committee reserves the right to retain the full payment for medallions and deliver same and $50 related to event charges.

ALL ENQUIRIES TO:

Organising Committee, NZ Antarctic Society, P.O. Box 404, Christchurch 8140, New Zealand.

EMAIL: headconsultants@xtra.co.nz
CALL FREEPHONE: (0800) 80 88 98
INFORMATION: www.antarctic.org.nz/whatson.html

Antarctica has always loomed large in the collective consciousness of New Zealanders; not only as a backdrop to heroic exploration, legendary ‘Kiwi’ ingenuity and fascinating scientific discoveries, but as an inspiration for poetry and art. During the 2007 Antarctic Festival, publishers David Bateman Ltd will launch “Call of the Ice” by David L. Harrowfield. This celebration of the landscape, history and adventure of Antarctica and the many men and women who have responded to the ‘call of the Ice’ will be available for purchase by those attending the Anniversary, autographed by the author.

David L. Harrowfield, a long-standing and revered member of the Antarctic community, has documented through meticulous research and many personal interviews the experiences of the New Zealanders in Antarctica and has created a fitting tribute and celebration of their achievements. Over 150 colour and black and white photographs, plus six detailed maps created specifically for the book, add to this special record of New Zealand in Antarctica.

ANNIVERSARY MEMORABILIA

Special memorabilia on sale to registrants –
Commemorative Medallion struck for the 50th Anniversary. Available in Bronze or Silver.